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Response Due to IP&L :

Main Idea

*Title of disclosure (in English)

Worldwide Project Management Method (WWPMM)

*Idea of disclosure

1. Describe your invention, stating the problem solved (if appropriate), and indicating the advantages of using the invention.

IBM has invested in defining a common approach to the management of projects in order to gain the following benefits:

- having a reference point that defines a good practice that, when implemented, reduces project risk;
- improved capability to staff projects from any part of the organization without prolonged learning;
- increased sharing and learning from experience by helping all members of the IBM PM community to use the same vocabulary; and
- reduction in development effort by having a common underlying structure for tools and education

The new worldwide method is intended to address the issues of productivity by providing a "consistent approach" to managing projects within IBM. The Method will be utilized on internal, as well as externally managed projects by IBM.

The Worldwide Project Management Method (WWPMM) is the name used to describe IBM's worldwide project management methodology, which defines the way we manage projects in IBM. WWPMM, which is sponsored by the Project Management Center of Excellence, is a response to the Corporate Executive Council (CEC) action to establish a single, common project management method for IBM projects worldwide.

WWPMM is derived from a number of IBM project management best practices including Project Management Method Version 1 (PMM) and other recognized industry standards such as the Project Management Institute (PMI) PM Body of Knowledge (PMBOK), Software Engineering Institute (SEI) and the International Standards Organization (ISO). Influences from IBM's existing business processes, Integrated Product Development (IPD) and Customer Relationship Management (CRM), were incorporated into this method. WWPMM should be used as a reference to strengthen IBM.s project management practices providing a single reference point of PM practice.

WWPMM describes a broad model for project management activities, which must be adapted to the features of each particular project. The model facilitates the sharing of project management knowledge and experience, improves identification and usage of best practices, and improves project results through avoidance of common pitfalls. WWPMM should be used as a reference to strengthen project management practices providing a single reference point of PM practice. This approach includes typical:

- PM Domains: the basic Project Management processes arranged by domain which are similar to the PMI Knowledge Areas
- PM Work Products: the items which are manipulated by the processes and which a project manager uses to manage the project
- PM Work Patterns: a series of scenarios which link the processes to help the project manager achieve day to day operations

In addition to an on-line version of the WWPMM content browser (URL http://pmmethod.somers.hqregion.ibm.com/) , a CD-ROM based version will also be available.

There will be continuing efforts to imbed this reference material into the tools and management systems that the project management community uses. Toward this end, a core set of procedures and work product templates (referred to as 'PM System Starter Set') will be published early next year. These materials, when used with appropriate tools and management systems, provide a quick start for projects and project management activities. Business units, competencies or business processes may tailor these to their management systems so that individual project managers will have an even more focused 'starter set' available to them.

2. How does the invention solve the problem or achieve an advantage,(a description of "the invention", including figures inline as appropriate)?
This new method combines the best practices of IBM project management and provides a consistent

"common method" worldwide. It addresses all items outlines in item 1 of this disclosure.

3. If the same advantage or problem has been identified by others (inside/outside IBM), how have those others solved it and does your solution differ and why is it better?
There has been no common approach to project management across all areas of IBM, only regional or a constituency approaches. This is the first worldwide approach.

4. If the invention is implemented in a product or prototype, include technical details, purpose, disclosure details to others and the date of that implementation.
Timetable as follows:

        Announcement scheduled -
        CD-ROM available - :
        Distance leaning education module available (Knowledge Refresh) :
        WWPMM version. 2 (PM System Starter Set)
        Worldwide Deployment and implementation begins

*Critical Questions (Questions 1 - 7 must be answered)

*Question 1
On what date was the invention workable? _____ **Please format the date as MM/DD/YYYY** (Workable means i.e. when you know that your design will solve the problem)

*Question 2	
Is there any planned or actual publication or disclosure of your invention to anyone outside IBM?	○ Yes ● No
If yes, Enter the name of each publication or patent and the date published below. Publication/Patent: Date Published or Issued:	
Are you aware of any publications, products or patents that relate to this invention?	○ Yes ● No
If yes, Enter the name of each publication or patent and the date published below. Publication/Patent: Date Published or Issued:	

*Question 3	
Has the subject matter of the invention or a product incorporating the invention been sold, used internally in manufacturing, announced for sale, or included in a proposal?	○ Yes ● No
Is a sale, use in manufacturing, product announcement, or proposal planned?	○ Yes ● No
If Yes, identify the product if known and indicate the date or planned date of sale, announcements, or proposal and to whom the sale, announcement or proposal has been or will be made. Product: Version/Release: Code Name: Date: To Whom: If more than one, use cut and paste and append as necessary in the field provided.	

*Question 4	
Was the subject matter of your invention or a product incorporating your invention used in public, e.g., outside IBM or in the presence of non-IBMers?	○ Yes ● No

If yes, give a date. **Please format the date as MM/DD/YYYY**

*Question 5
Have you ever discussed your invention with others not employed at IBM? ⚪ Yes ⚫ No

If yes, identify individuals and date discussed. Fill in the text area with the following information, the names of the individuals, the employer, date discussed, under CDA, and CDA #.

*Question 6
Was the invention, in any way, started or developed under a government contract or project? ⚪ Yes ⚫ No ⚪ Not sure

If Yes, enter the contract number

*Question 7
Was the invention made in the course of any alliance, joint development or other contract activities? ⚪ Yes ⚫ No ⚪ Not Sure

If Yes, enter the following : Name of Alliance, Contractor or Joint Developer
Contract ID number
Relationship contact name
Relationship contact E-mail
Relationship contact phone

Question 8
Have you submitted, or are you aware of, any related disclosure submission? ⚪ Yes ⚫ No

If Yes, please provide the title and docket or disclosure number below:

Question 9
What type of companies do you expect to compete with inventions of this type? *Check all that apply.*
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☐ Manufacturers of entry servers
☐ Manufacturers of workstations
☐ Manufacturers of PC's
☐ Non-computer manufacturers
☐ Developers of operating systems
☐ Developers of networking software
☐ Developers of application software
☒ Integrated solution providers
☒ Service providers
☒ Other (Please specify below)
Project management / consulting companies

Patent Value Tool (Optional - this may be used by the inventor and attorn y to assist with the evalua

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